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India Reports Additional Outbreak of Avian Influenza in Odisha

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Report Highlights:

On January 18, 2012, the Government of India (GOI) notified a second outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Odisha State to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). This is the third notification of H5N1 HPAI to the OIE in 2012. There is no visible impact on the domestic poultry market so far due to the recent outbreaks.

General Information:

On January 18, 2012, India reported the second outbreak of HPAI found in Odisha State to the OIE. The outbreak was first reported by the press on January 14, 2012 (see GAIN IN2008). This is the third notification of H5N1 HPAI to the OIE in 2012. The details of the GOI's January 18 notification can be accessed at: [January 18, 2012 OIE Report](#). In response to the outbreak, the Government of Odisha is carrying out the GOI's protocol, as described in ["Action Plan of Animal Husbandry For Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza."](#) This includes destruction of all domestic poultry within a 3-km radius zone of the outbreak, creation of an intensive surveillance system in a 10-km radius zone, poultry market closures, a prohibition on the sale and transportation of poultry products in the affected area, a ban on the movement of farm personnel, and clean-up and disinfection of the contaminated premises with proper disposal of dead birds and infected materials. India's National Institute of Virology was unavailable to confirm if the HPAI strain matched the new strain identified in dead birds in Jharkhand State in December 2011 (see GAIN IN2008).

Trade:

Industry representatives maintain that the outbreaks occurred outside of India's major poultry production areas and will not affect trade. However, the Indian press is now speculating that retail egg prices will fall. Trade sanctions by Indian egg export destinations remain unclear.

Table 1. India: Culling Statistics as of January 18, 2012

	Outbreak reported in	Birds Susceptible	Birds reported dead	Birds culled
1	Rural backyard poultry, Khorda, Odisha	35,589	3	31,912
2	Rural backyard poultry, Mayurbhanj, Odisha	4,923	19	NA
3	A state government run poultry farm, William Nagar, Odisha	20,194	2,731	4,666
	Total	60,706	2,753	36,578
Source: January 18, 2012 OIE Report				